



Introduction

The FY2016 State Aid Act appropriated \$250,000 for the 2016-17 school year for competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades K-12 with expanded opportunities in science education and skills by participating in events and competitions hosted by Science Olympiad. Full grant information can be found in [P.A. 249 of 2016](#).

Application Process

It is important that these 3 steps are followed as listed here. Failure to complete all steps may result in disqualification of an application.

- 1) Read this document thoroughly.
- 2) [Complete the application](#) which is in the format of a google form.
- 3) Download the verification form at the [MDE Science Olympiad Grant Website](#), ensure that it is signed by an authorized official at the district or PSA, and submit to MDE-SOgrant@michigan.gov. In the subject line, please use this format:

Subject: School District Name, 2016-17 Science Olympiad Verification

For further information on Science Olympiad in Michigan, visit [Michigan Science Olympiad](#)!

Important Information on Successful Applications

Before submitting, please make sure you have considered the following potential issues. If an application is received with any of the following issues, the district may be asked to resubmit.

Error 1: The amount of funds requested cannot be equal to the total cost because that does not leave any room for the 25% district contribution.

Error 2: The TOTAL cost for the 2016-17 Science Olympiad programs at the district or PSA cannot be the same as the DISTRICT or PSA contribution (from local funds). This doesn't work because it indicates that the district is paying for the entire Science Olympiad Program. The district contribution should be less than (but at least 25% of) the total cost.

Error 3: The amount of grant funds requested may not exceed the TOTAL cost for the 2016-17 Science Olympiad Programs at the district.

Error 4: The sum of the grant funds requested plus the district contribution cannot exceed the indicated total cost for the Science Olympiad Programs at the district.

IMPORTANT: If you are a teacher or administration member of an individual building interested in requesting these funds, please contact your business office to coordinate a centralized application. The district may wish to submit requests for multiple schools/programs.

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